



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takao OGAWA et al.

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For: ELECTRONIC TOLL
COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR
TOLL ROAD

Art Unit: 2163

Examiner: C.M. Colon

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An ETC (electronic toll collection) system comprising:
an antenna having a predetermined directivity for providing a limited radio-communication service zone;
a vehicle sensor for detecting a vehicle which reaches a predetermined position in the limited radio-communication service zone;
first means for transmitting a radio signal via the antenna;
second means for deciding whether or not a radio response to the radio signal is received via the antenna;